

ANN COLEMAN SMITH.

Biography from the Lehi Centennial History

Ann Coleman, daughter of Prime and Sarah Coleman, and wife of Joseph J. Smith, was born in Oldin, Bedfordshire, England on the 2nd day of October, 1833.

She was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Bedfordshire, England,, by Elder John S. Thornton in December, 1842, and in 1843, together with her father's family, consisting of the following members: Elizabeth Coleman Jacobs, Rebecca Coleman Evans, Martha Coleman Southwick, Prime Coleman, George Coleman, and William Coleman, migrated to America, and arrived in Nauvoo May 12, 1843.

She was personally acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith, and his brother, Hyrum, and passed through the persecutions the Saints were compelled to undergo at that time.

She was married to Joseph J. Smith at Morrisonville, Missouri, January 1, 1850, by Bishop David Evans, and in May following, in company with her husband, moved to Council Bluffs.

On June 13, she crossed the Missouri River, and started across the plains with ox teams, for Utah, arriving in the fall of 1850. She lived in Salt Lake City one year, then moved to Lehi where she resided until her death.

She was the mother of 14 children, 10 sons, and 4 daughters. She was very industrious and enterprising in the settling and building up of this country, passing through all the hardships and trying times of early pioneer life. She was a dutiful, and considerate wife, a kind and loving mother, and was respected by all who knew

her. She passed away October 1, 1909, being 76 years old.